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SUBJECT: TFFLU01 AUSTRALIA H1N1 SITREP MAY 22, 2009

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[1](#)C. CANBERRA 415  
[1](#)D. CANBERRA 419  
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[1](#)1. (SBU) The following is the latest SITREP covering  
Australia's response to the H1N1 outbreak.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Government Response: Australia has experienced a  
spike in confirmed cases over the last 48 hours. Following a  
period of nearly two weeks with only one confirmed case, the  
Department of Health and Ageing has confirmed 10 new cases  
since May 20. This includes one case that was directly  
infected in Australia, as part of a four-case family cluster.  
Cases have been confirmed in New South Wales, South  
Australia, and Victoria. Positive confirmation is expected  
May 22 for at least one case in Tasmania. The federal  
government has not changed its posture on border screening,  
contact tracing, or provision of prophylaxis and seven-day  
quarantine for suspected cases. No new travel alerts have  
been issued. State health authorities have closed one  
primary school in Victoria, for the remainder of this week as  
a precautionary measure. New South Wales police reported on  
May 21 that fake H1N1 warning signs, carrying the logos of  
Department of Health and Ageing, Attorney General's  
Department, US CDC and the WHO, have been found in Sydney.  
The signs reportedly say "H1N1 (Swine Influenza) has been  
detected in this area."

[1](#)3. (SBU) Case Count: Since the outbreak of H1N1, Australia  
has investigated a total of 632 suspect cases, and confirmed  
10 H1N1 cases. 29 cases remain under investigation as of May  
[1](#)22.

[1](#)4. (SBU) Post Actions: Post continues to monitor the H1N1  
situation in Australia.

[1](#)5. (SBU) Consular Issues: As of May 22, there are no  
reported consular issues involving H1N1.

16. (SBU) Public Diplomacy: The expansion of confirmed cases of H1N1 garnered some media attention over the period May 20-22, but H1N1 is not a leading media topic.

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